

**BLAINE E. DAVIDSON**

1892—Born on farm at Jansenville, Miss., of Scotch-English parentage.

1900—Father died. Moved to town.

1900-1906—Attended Jansenville school. Moved to Des Moines, Ia.

1906-1912—Worked on farm summers. Attended Des Moines schools. Carried evening and morning newspapers. Member of high school track and football teams. Assisted in Y. M. C. A. Vice-president of Iowa State Boy's convention in 1912. Surveyed for Des Moines subdivision.

1912-1914—Attended Pennsylvania College and taught in the academy for board, tuition and \$20.00 per month. Member of college football and basketball teams. Began work in the stockroom of the S. S. Kresge Co. store at Des Moines, Ia. Captain, Y. M. C. A. basketball team.

1915—Married Miss Divada Henderson of Des Moines, Ia.

1915—Left the employ of the S. S. Kresge Co. to join the army. After two months waiting was admitted and served one day. Re-entered the employ of the S. S. Kresge Co., and was transferred to Dayton, O.

1919—Given the management of the S. S. Kresge Co. store at Council Bluffs, Ia.

**BEN P. SHIRLEY**

1888—Born in backwoods of Georgia, 10 miles from the village of Villa Rica, of English parentage. Father died.

1887—Mother died, leaving grandmother in charge.

1888-1893—Worked in cotton fields during summer, and attended school during winter.

1893—Ran away from home. Went to Atlanta, Ga. Began work as cash boy in department store.

1893-1894—Changed jobs several times.

1895—Became assistant to the window trimmer in department store.

1896—Became window trimmer in small store.

1897—Went to Birmingham, Ala. Became window trimmer for department store.

1900—Went to Louisville, Ky., as window trimmer in department store.

1901—Married Sue Crain, of Louisville, Ky.

1903—Moved to Indianapolis, Ind. Window trimmer in largest department store.

1911—Became associated with W. T. Grant Co., 25c stores, New York.

1912-1917—Opened and managed stores for them at Schenectady, N. Y., Norfolk, Va., Albany, N. Y., and at Pittsburgh, Pa.

1917—Became associated with S. S. Kresge Co.

1919-1920—Manager of No. 155.